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SHE was not a beauty, perhaps, but she was assuredly a fascinating butterfly of a creature, even her women friends admitted that. And though seven and twenty, and the mother of girl of seven, she still retained so much of virginal expression and contour that imagination was loth to accept the fact of matronhood. One felt indeed that if the "Ewige Weiblich," changefully changeless, radiantly soul-satisfying, were to be personified, here was the model. Gracious and graceful, gentle and joyous, she possessed talents innumerable, all cultivated to a certain degree—to a degree that had quite sufficed for her own enjoyment and the edification of a host of admiring and not too exacting friends, who thought her a delightful prodigy and spoiled her accordingly.

But now, cudgel the stunned brain as she would, no real capability "of marketable value," as it had been so bluntly put to her even in these early hours of misery—Cousin Selina always put things a bit bluntly, she felt with a little shiver of annoyance—no resource could she discover to stand her in good stead in that dreadful day that had come at last. The bolt had fallen that morning, and, with numb, folded hands and dry, terror-filled eyes, she sat in the darkest corner of her gay little drawing room, beneath the ghastly chamber whence were soon to be borne the earthly remains of her husband.

What was she to do? How was she to procure, not the luxuries without which she scarce imagined her child could exist, but the bare necessities of life? Every piece of furniture in the house was mortgaged to its full value, and her last jewel had gone to pay the rent. Thank heaven they would have this haven for some time to come. She was in debt to butcher and baker, and she had not had a new pair of gloves for months. Shillings had become the basis of expenditure as guineas had been hitherto.

In the morning sympathizing friends came to support and assist her through the trying ordeal. All passed like a dream. "Tout passe, tout casse," she said over and over, "but my heart is strong."

When, a month later, she sat with Cousin Selina in the same room, in the same chair, listening again to the gusty rain as it beat against the windows, it was to her as if no appreciable time had intervened. Dreamily she took up the thread of her thoughts where she had dropped it that sad night and the strange conceit came back to her.

Women, less brilliant but stolid and plodding, were ensconced in journals where she had disdained even to allow her verses to appear. With voices in no way comparable to hers, she saw others succeed; while she, who sang like a bird—but like a bird, too, only when inspired—could make no impression. And so, dowered as she was, she was poorer and more helpless than the humblest woman who could conscientiously knit a pair of stocking or embroider a teacloth.

The pretty face seemed pinched and weary, two deep lines began to enclose the drooping mouth. "I smile *en parenthese*," she said to Cousin Selina, as she turned from the mirror where she was trying to change the expression of those quivering lips, that even at the moment curved upward, a Cupid's bow at the quaint conceit.

More surely than ever she knew she could ask no favors, but must put her own shoulder to the wheel. But what to do when all else failed? To dance on the stage! Why not? She could dance; all her life she had loved to dance. In her greatest joy she had ever found fullest expression in dancing to her own reflections before the long mirror in her boudoir. A hundred times her darling had been lulled to sleep, eased of her pain by the pancing of her "pretty Mumsie." Once with her husband, she had seen a famous actress—a woman chaste as herself—dance so gracefully, yet with an abandon so perfect as to captivate an audience accustomed to exhibitions from which she had in loathing—to his annoyance, since his taste grew yearly less refined. Even then, "The pity of it she had sighed. And how much even then was implied that she should say, turning to him:

"That I could do, I am certain."

"May you never need," he answered fervently. For he loved her and was proud of her, though his paths in life were devious, though he would not follow her. It all came back to her vividly—the gay scene, the eager faces, the murmur of delight, the applause that rose again and again, and could not be stayed. Her heart beat fast; yes, she would dance. It might cost her the few friends she still possessed, but as long as she helped herself she could maintain her pride.

Next day began a tiresome round of interviews with impatient, incredulous or impertinent managers, with a heart growing daily heavier and a brain sharpened almost to viciousness. At last an impressario, touched by her grace and the expression of brave despair in her hungry eyes, granted her a trial, fixing an hour at the theatre on the following day in the early forenoon. Amid a concourse of women, some sympathetic, some brazenly inquisitive, all so different from herself that she scarce felt they were her sisters, she made her first essay. How unreal it seemed; a dream, she kept telling herself, a dream from which she would waken in a moment.

She kept her glace straight before her, trying to shut out the crudity of her surroundings. The "sets" all awry the glimpses of busy carpenters and scene-shifters, the flashily dressed men and women waiting for rehearsal and familiarizing in a way that gave her a mental nausea. A row of raw girls in soiled dancing shoes and fleshings, their upper halves clothed in ordinary bodices, went awkwardly through their mututinal drill. The odor of dust and oil and paint began to overpower her, and she was on the verge of losing her self-posession when the kind voice of the manager, close behind her said:

"Your turn, Madame—will you tell me what music you desire?" The orchestra, composed of one violin on the stage, began the swinging accompaniment of La Paloma, and at the end, and while the blood beat and surged in deafening throbs in her heavy head, again she heard the voice of the manager, seemingly a great dist nce off:

"Accept my compliments, Madame, I shall be glad to offer you a salary of ten pounds a week. I am sure you will have a success." "Un succes fou," he said, turning to the orchestra, who gracefully waved his fiddle, bowed low and replied: "Sans doute" Poor woman, she looked into their eyes to see if they were mocking her; then convinced of their good faith, she mustered all her strength, and with the strange surging still in her ears, smiled, said "I thank you," turned quickly and left the theatre. How she got home was always a mystery to her. Martha heard a faint pull at the bell, hastened to the door, and found her mistress pale as death, but with her eyes wide open and a set smile on her lips. She put her to bed, held her quivering body till by degress the tortured soul began to still itself and the overwrought brain found relief in such healing tears as had not come before in those strained days of trial. And now there was practising and preparation of costumes, then the first appearance and the many succeeding, all justifying the acumen of her friend the impresario. Gradually all pressing need, the indebtedness, the grinding care disappeared, and she could have been comparatively happy.

All day, save for the morning hour of rehearsal, she kept Maizie beside her. It was Maizie who made a daily holocaust of unopened billet-doux and adorned her nursery with the flowers that invariably accompanied them. It was Maizie who first enjoyed, almost inspired, the dances she invented, and who first praised her "Sweet Mumsie" in her artistic costumes. Every evening she left the child with a new pang, though she could not but feel her safe with good Martha, and flew on the wings of love to her bedside on her return. Resolutely she shut her eyes to all that displeased her in her new surroundings, and soon her dancing became to her an infatuation. For the time she was on the stage all else was forgotten. Her grief fell from her like a dismal garment, and she stood the personification of laughing youth, grace and joy. Always garbed in white and with a gauzy wing like scarf—"La Paloma" they called her after her first dance—she floated in an atmosphere chaste and poetic, too delicate to be misunderstood, and, as before, even then the women were charmed. Yes, she might have become content, but daily Maizie grew weaker and more fragile, and her heart failed within her. She would take the child in her despairing arms and hold her so close that the little one would cry out, yet was happy withal in the embrace; for she loved her "Mumsie" with a deep devotion, and seemed with a strange prescience to understand much.

One night—It was about three months after her debut—she left home a little lighter of heart than usual. Maizie had been feverish all day, but had grown quieter toward evening, and they had had a royal game of romps and a "big, big hug and kiss" when she left. Toward the close of the evening she began to grow ill at ease, and throwing her fur-lined mantle about her, without changing her costume, she left the theatre hurriedly, and jumping into a hansom, was driven home in all haste. The front door was open. From the hall came the voice of her physician:

"Go quickly, or she will not know her."

"Who will not know whom?" she said to herself. "Who will not know whom?" she reiterated to the physician as she walked quickly into the house.

He took her in his strong arms, carried her to the nursery, and placed her in a chair beside her child. The dear little face already fanned by the wings of the angels, flushed softly.

"I was waiting, Mumsie," she whispered; "you will dance for me now, will you not?"

She fell on her knees beside the couch and took the little one in her arms.

"Sweet, lovely Mumsie," said the child, kissing the bare arms; "you will be a real dove in Heaven."

"Maizie, Maizie, do not leave me!" wailed the trembling woman.

"No, Mumsie," answered the child; "you shall come too."

The mother gazed at her, speechless and wild with alarm.

"Mumsie," said the little one, trying to raise the heavy little head with the short golden curls in damp ringlets on the pale forehead, "Mumsie dear, do dance. Perhaps the angels don't dance, and I love it so."

With a great sob and supreme effort she rose from her knees, threw off the heavy cloak which was still about her, and began to dance. Was ever such martyrdom, ever such bravery? Ah! Mother and Saint, in other days canonization was often more lighly won. On she danced in the dimly-lit death chamber, those outside standing with bated breath not daring to enter, yet seeing all. Sweetly the child smiled, lifted the little hand once as if to thank her, then the fluttering eyelids closed, the long lashes rested on the pale cheeks, and she was still. Closer and closer danced the mother, till she leaned anxiously, breathlessly over her child, fearing to stop abruptly lest she should waken her. Then with a cry that rang through the house, and rings now in the ears of the two who waited outside the door, she fell on the couch beside her angel, and the brave heart broke.—*Black and White.*

The Increase of Divorce.

Twenty-five or thirty years ago divorces were so rare as to be regarded in the light of very uncommon exceptions to the general rule. The divorce law itself is not yet forty years old in England, nor twenty years old in France. In Italy there is no civil divorce whatever at the present day, and the Catholic Church only grants what are not properly divorces, but annullations of marriage, in very, rare cases, and with the greatest reluctance.

Even in Amercia every one can remember how divorce was spoken of and thought of until very recently. Within a few years it was deemed to be something very like a disgrace, and certainly a profoundly cynical and immoral proceeding. To-day we can most of us count in our own acquaintance half a dozen persons who have been divorced and been married again. Whatever we may think of it in our hearts, or whatever our religious convictions may be on the subject, it has become so common that when we hear of a flagrant case of cruelty or unfaithfulness, by which a man or woman suffers, the question at once rises to our lips. "Why does she not divorce her husband?" or, "Why does he not divorce his wife?" We have grown used to the idea, and if it does not please us, it certainly does not shock us. It shocked our fathers, but we are perfectly indifferent.

Of course there are many, perhaps a majority, who, though not Roman Catholics, would in their own lives put up with almost anything rather than go to the divorce court for peace. Some actually suffer much, and ask for no redress. But there are very many who have not suffered anything at all, excepting the favorite "incompatibility of temper," and who have taken advantage of the loose laws in certain States to try a second matrimonial experiment. In what calls itself society there seems still to be prejudice against a third marriage for divorced persons, but at the present rate of advance in civilization this cannot last long, and the old significance of the word "marriage" will be quite lost before our youngest grandchildren are dead; in other words, by the end of the next century, at the furthest.

There are various forms of honorable political dreaming and of dishonorable political mischief-making nowadays, which we are accustomed to call collectively "socialism." Most of these rely for their hope of popular success upon their avowed intention of dividing property and preventing its subsequent accumulation. Marriage is an incentive of such accumulation because it perpetuates families, and therefore keeps property together by inheritance. Therefore all forms of socialism are at present in favor of divorce, as a means of ultimately destroying marriage altogether. A proverb says that whosoever desires the end, desires also the means. There is more truth in the saying than morality in the point of view it expresses. But there are those who desire neither the means nor the end to which they lead, and a struggle is coming the like of which has not been seen since the beginning of the world, and of which we who are now alive shall not see the termination.—(From "A Rose of Yesterday," by Marion Crawford, in the December Century.

Outwitting a Judge.

A strange story is related of a juryman who outwitted a judge and that without lying. He ran into court in a desperate hurry, and quite out of breath, and exclaimed:

"Oh! Judge, if you can, pray excuse me. I don't know which will die first, my wife or my daughter."

"Dear me, that's sad," said the innocent judge. "Certainly, you are excused."

The next day the juryman was met by a friend, who, in sympathetic voice, asked:

"How is your wife?"

"She's all right thank you."

"And your daughter?"

"She's all right, too. Why do you ask?"

"Why, yesterday you said you did know which would die first."

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Senator Quay has reason to feel gratified at the reception his idea for the retirement of the greenbacks is meeting from Senators and Representatives, even if it does not get adopted. His idea is to remove the opportunity for raiding the gold in the Treasury by replacing the greenbacks with notes payable in gold at the option of the Government. He thinks these notes would everywhere be regarded as gold; that they would be used by the banks to maintain their gold reserve, and that their use would put an end to the much talked about "endless chain." Men who are opposed to further issues of bonds take kindly to Senator Quay's plan, and if no legislation increasing the revenue can be had this winter, they may try to put it through Congress, provided that it is endorsed by the Republican caucus.

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While Republicans are unanimously in favor of the re-election of Speaker Reed, who is not likely to have an opponent before the Republican caucus, the Democrats are actually beginning to fight for the empty honor of the leadership of the House minority, left vacant by the death of Ex-Speaker Crisp. Tennessee has two candidates for the leadership—Richardson and McMillin—and Texas has two—Culbertson and Bailey—and from the manner in which their friends are squabbling, it would hardly be supposed by those who did not know that they were after so unsubstantial a thing as the Democratic nomination for Speaker of the next House.

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There is a decided revival of the talk of organizing a Patent Bar, with Rules of Practice strict enough to make the profession of soliciting patents as honorable as that of practicing in our highest law courts. And there is reason enough for the revival, too. The honorable patent lawyer doesn't like to be considered in the same class as the green goods man, the bunco-steerer or the illicit vender of lottery tickets. But if something isn't done to stop and to prevent the bunco offers of alleged would-be purchasers of patents and of lottery prizes for ideas whether patentable or not, there is grave danger that they will be so associated, certainly in the minds of those who are buncoed by these schemes of doubtful legality and of certain immorality. But after all, it is the inventor who needs protection the most. The U. S. Courts will give it to him after he gets his patent, but it is before he gets his patent that he is skinned, if he doesn't exercise good judgement enough to make his application through honorable patent lawyers, such as would scorn the introduction of lottery methods into their business for the sake of enticing advance fees from the pockets of inventors. If an inventor doesn't know of such a firm he should inquire of friends, and take no chances.

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Secretary Herbert's report will not not be made public until the last of this week, but it can be stated upon good authority that it will take strong grounds in favor of the continued increase of the Navy and will recommend that three new battle-ships and ten torpedo boats be provided for at this session of Congress.

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Chairman Hanna is expected in Washington this week, to announce the Chairman of the inauguration committee and take other preliminary steps towards making the inauguration of President McKinley the grandestevent of its kind in our history. It is supposed, but it is not certain, that Mr. Hanna will appoint Mr. S. W. Woodward, the gold Democrat who has been recommended for the position by Col. Parker, the District of Columbia member of the Republican National Committee, but whoever he appoints will have the cordial support of the people of Washington regardless of party.

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The Woman in Politics.

Women not only voted in several States at the recent election, but they were candidates for offices to which heretofore they had not aspired. In Wyoming Mrs. Maloy was one of the Republican electors who were defeated by a narrow margin, and if she had been elected she would have been the first female member of the electoral of whom there is any record.

Mrs. Martha Hughes Cannon, of Utah, has the proud distinction of being the first woman who was ever elected a State Senator. Mrs. Cannon is the wife of a Mormon elder—at least, she is one of the wives of Augus M. Cannon, of Salt Lake City, as that gentleman finds that his domestic happiness is not complete without a quartette of fair ones to round out his conjugal felicity. Mrs. Cannon's opponent in the race for the senatorship was her husband, whom she beat by a majority of 4,000 votes. Any slights which she may have had to suffer as the fourth part of her husband's household are therefore amply avenged in his discomfiture at the polls on November 3. Mrs. Cannon is a Democrat; her husband is a Republican. The plank in her platform in which she believes most strongly is tersely stated in her own language, as follows: "Women are better than men." She also believes that the millennium is coming sooner than most people think. It will, therefore, be seen that she is an optiimst not only in regard to the superiority of her own sex, but also as regards mankind in general. She ought, therefore, to make a very interesting as well as a very useful member of the Utah Legislature.

While woman suffrage has made no headway in the East and South, it has captured at least four Western States, namely, Colorado, Utah, Idaho and Wyoming. It is stated that sixty per cent. of the voters of Utah are women, although that may possibly be too high an estimate. Exactly how many female votes were cast for the silver candidate in Colorado, Wyoming and Utah cannot, of course, be indicated; still, if the election of Mr. McKinley or of Mr. Bryan had depended upon the result in any one of these States, it is possible that the male voters in other sections of the country might have been so ungallant as to protest against the result. In fact, there would doubtless have been an appeal to the courts, if the lawyers had been of the opinion that the case was one which called for judicial consideration and determination. Fortunately that issue was not raised, and as Mrs. Cannon has a clear majority over her husband and she will be allowed to take her seat in the Utah Senate without contest and possibly, to vote for a free-coinage Senator when the time comes for Utah to elect a representative to the United States Senate.

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POLITICAL REVOLUTION.

A citizen of New Castle county can scarcely conceive of the political situation in Kent county, of the strained relations which exist because of their election difficulties. There have been intimations of bloodshed on the part of the papers and the people there of both parties at which others have pooh-poohed. The feeling is intense, however, and the attempt to laugh it down may but irritate and heighten the difficulty. It is a deplorable state of affairs, and is the result of the political methods which have been the growth of years. These methods have had the sanction for half a century or less by origination, adoption and use of the very party which now defeated by them turns to revolutionary methods to retain itself in power. This is dangerous. It is surprising that reasonable men can approve of it. Courts and law and order are not to be considered by them when they stand in the way of party supremacy. To what are we coming? "Political revolution" in many sections of this country would mean riot and bloodshed. It may mean that here. We hope not. We want neither riot and bloodshed nor political revolution. We want reform. It is time for the people to demand reform not only to save expense, to reduce taxation, but to save the credit and honor of the State. The people have too long left public matters to the politicians and their tools. Is there not a Cincinnatus in the State who will arise and command the people to follow him to victories of reform? We await his coming.

The TRANSCRIPT is not sensational but believing that the period is critical we do not hesitate to say as much. We had supposed the Democrats had other grounds for throwing out the votes in certain hundreds in Kent county than the mere act of revolution to maintain power. They say the election was purchased. So have they purchased elections for years and have prepared the people for this very thing, have been their tutors in crime. They say the voters' assistants should have been selected from the Republican and the Democratic Parties as by agreement. So they should throughout the State, but in this county the Democrats chose Union Republicans in a large number of the districts, breaking their agreement. The object was to beat the Republicans here. It is right in their eyes to violate a contract when they are to be benefited. It is a crime when another is the beneficiary. Ex-Chancellor Wolcott, in his address before the Court said: "If we did not come here with authority sufficient to back you up in doing just exactly what we ask you to do, then I would say do as you please and act in accordance with the law, and in accordance with your conscientious convictions of right." So far as we know the only "backing up" the court gets is the plea for revolution because of the very practices Mr. Wolcott has indulged in for years.

The greatest surprise, however, is the attitude of the "Delawarean." Its editor is a conservative man and as a member of the Constitutional Convention was one of the first Democrats to urge a compromise, dividing the delegation in Kent county. He admits the revolutionary acts but by circumlocution arrives at the opinion that "the Democrats have the moral right to the offices in controversy." This is said with apparent earnestness though the writer knows that no charge is brought against the Addicksites of which his party is not alike guilty. At this time it may be a question merely of degree in guilt. He reasons thus:

"Kent county, because of the lawless acts of the Union Republican party, is in a state bordering on revolution. We do not believe a board of canvass in this State is authorized by law to throw out election returns when duly certified according to law. The throwing out of the returns from certain districts by the board of canvass may also be revolution. We are quite ready to concede that one wrong does not justify another wrong and that two wrongs never make a right. But revolution is not always wrong. Sometimes it is absolutely necessary and therefore justifiable. * * * * The members of the board of canvass refused to certify to the election of the candidates of the Union Republican party, when as a fact of public notoriety their apparent plurality was obtained by lawlessness and revolution. The board went a step further, perhaps than the law authorizes. It threw out the returns from some of the districts where lawlessness was rampant and counted some districts; the results then showed an apparent plurality for the candidates of the Democratic party, and the board certified to the election of the Democratic candidates."

And now there are those who will accuse the TRANSCRIPT of inconsistency. Our accusers are chiefly of two classes: Such Addicksites as are with him, right or wrong, because he has the boodle, and such Democrats as care only for the success of their party, right or wrong. There may be a third class—those who are a trifle obtuse. The TRANSCRIPT is not inconsistent. It may be true that "a desperate disease demands a desperate remedy" but the remedy must not be worse than the disease. The Republicans who have opposed Addicksism have done it from principle, but they cannot endorse revolution by his opponents, a disregard of law and right. That were a precedent that would fasten Addicksism or something worse on the people until bloodshed in deed and in fact should eradicate it. Matters have been bad enough in this State in every way politically, but the people are certainly not ready for revolution by the very men who are in power and should represent law and order. Political revolution now opens the door to what a the next election? Can any man answer? Serious men should answer and answer most thoughtfully. Whatever of lawlessness there was at the election on Nov. 3d or in the preliminary work thereto was the result of former lawlessness and disregard of personal and political rights, and of the same kind and quality, so the past offers no excuse for political revolution, nor the putting before our people such a proposition. There is here food for reflection.

THE CONVENTION.

After forty-four years of waiting the people of Delaware have again seen assembled the delegates for another Constitutional Convention to revise the Constitution of '31 under which we have lived for 65 years. Unfortunately there are differences among the delegates already as there were in 1852 when some of the strongest men withdrew and defeated the ratification of the constitution when it was submitted to the people. Already threats are made that the work of this Convention shall not be ratified by the people. This is all because of the election muddle in Kent county where both the Democrats and the Union Republicans claim the election of their candidates. Such a condition of affairs is deplorable at any time but ten fold more so now since it effects the membership and the work of so important a body as the Constitutional Convention and since the political feeling is wrought to so high a pitch. The matter of the Kent election is in the Courts and it may be there for weeks and months. By mandamus and other legal proceedings first one and then the other of the political parties may have the advantage and yet without definite decision. The Constitutional Convention should act and being the judge of the election and qualification of its members it possibly did the best thing in compromising the Kent matter, admitting five of each party into the Convention. Without being upon the ground and yet viewing the matter dispassionately this looks like a wise conclusion. To have admitted either delegation to the exclusion of the other would have been to offend past reconciliation about half of the people of Kent county where the delegates meet day after day, and have invited the utmost opposition to the work of the Convention. Of course it is true that all of one party were elected or they were defeated, but there is little of justice in this world among men—real, true, even justice—and under the existing conditions we believe the delegates from New Castle and Sussex counties, of whose election there is no doubt, did the best thing in the compromise. It is true the Democrats get the offices but what are they when compared with the relief which the people hope to receive through the adoption of a new and a modern constitution.

In some respects it would be well if all persons could see alike, for instance in the membership and the work of the Convention, but we cannot. The "Smyrna Times," usually very conservative politically except in its opposition to what it calls "Higginsism," comments upon the work of the Convention as follows:

"Monday night until two or three o'clock the next morning was spent in caucuses by the respective parties, the final determination of which was to seat five of the elected Republicans of Kent, giving the other five seats to the contesting Democrats. W. Corbit Spruance, E. G. Bradford and Charles F. Richards of the Higgins Republicans were the leading spirits in thus handing the control of the convention, in advance of the decision of the Court over to the Democrats. The Convention thus made up, organized with John Biggs as president. This arrangement it is said, was determined on in Wilmington two weeks ago—before the mandamus case was entered upon. In response to a statement of J. B. Cooper that it was no use to hold an election if such action was valid, Mr. Spruance replied that it was not necessary for the Convention to take the ten members from Kent from either set of candidates, but could go clear outside for them. The ten Republican members—the five seated and five rejected—have agreed to stand together, that is, they are all members or they are not members: they had nothing to do with the conspiracy. It starts under a cloud."

REPUBLICANS WIN.

Chief Justice Lore and Associate Judge Cullen rendered a decision in the Kent county election case on Thursday upholding the claim of the Republicans that the board of canvass should again meet and tabulate all the returns. Judge Grubb agreed on all the main points but dissented on a technicality, because the certificate for West Dover had not been presented. In the written opinion Judges Lore and Cullen denounced in no uncertain language the revolutionary proceedings of the Democrats, pointing out that the courts are open to redress any wrongs. The court ordered the canvass to be made by the inspectors Tuesday, Dec. 8th, but the Democrats took an appeal to the Court of Errors and Appeals which ties the whole matter up until the third Tuesday in January. In the meantime the Legislature will meet and matters will probably be more complicated there unless the court grants a special session to decide the case.

The decision is a victory not so much for Republicans as for law and order, and against revolution. The whole people should rejoice and hope for a better condition of affairs political.

One Cent on the Dollar.

John H. Danby, and Otho Nowland, assignees of Heald and Company, have filed in Chancery Court their report which shows that the firm's creditors will receive a little over one per cent on the dollar. There is a balance in bank of $6.756,81 and the claims of the creditors amount to $183,460,46, out of the balance the assignees will receive $2500, the attorneys $1000, leaving a remainder of $3,256,81, from which the costs of the case must be paid. This will leave about $2000 to be distributed among the creditors.

The Round .... Table

All teachers and friends of Education in New Castle County and the teachers of Kent and Sussex are invited to take seats.

DEAR TEACHERS:—Youperhaps read in the TRANSCRIPT of last week that its editor, Mr. Downham, still extends to us the privilege of using a column in his paper for educational purposes, and says that we are left to accept or reject his offer.

Last year, when he made the proposition, I decided that I was too busy to begin a new undertaking. At present, however, I have changed my mind, not that I have more leisure, but that I feel the teachers need to be brought into a closer union. We do not know each other well enough. Teachers naturally need sympathy, and not a few of us would like to ask advice of our fellow teachers were we not so timid.

Now, do you not think a "Teachers' Round Table" would prove of great advantage to us? Why, I am of the opinion it would make us all good friends by the next Institute, and there would be no need of introductions. At least I hope not, for I think I have been introduced to six or eight of you in two years! Is that the way to welcome a stranger? At that rate it would be twenty years before I should be introduced to the last one. You see that would not leave many years for the last two of us to console each other in old age.

So the Round Table would bring us into a closer relationship, and our thoughts would be directed along the same lines once aweek. Many of the suggestions given ought to prove beneficial.

To become a member of the "Teachers' Round Table" it is necessary to be a reader of the TRANSCRIPT, and to give us your kind sympathy.

All teachers and pupils who expect to teach should take an interest in the teachers' column.

All questions should be plainly written and mailed to me.

Those desiring to join the Round Table should send their names to me for enrollment, and have their names put on the subscription list of the Transcript. The latter should be sent to Mr. Downham.

Each teacher should send with her first letter an assumed name, under which all her questions will be answered.

I hope that all will hasten to take the proffered seats at the "Teachers' Round Table," and that the fare will prove wholesome, although not taken from the rich man's table.

I wish you success in your noble work of instructing the youth of New Castle county

Yours very truly,
ARTHUR R. SPAID,
Highlands, Del.

DEAR TEACHERS:—Supt. Smith, I think, announced at the Institute that he would test our memories at the Christmas examination on what the instructors gave us at the Institute. I have taken the following from my note book, and I hope that the list will refresh our memories. Look up your note books.

You will find Dr. Winship's article on "Wheat" in the *Journal of Education*, Nov. 26th. In the same paper for Nov. 12th, "Pestalozzi."

Is it possible to train a child to recite his lesson after a single reading? Why should the teacher not crowd the pupil's mind with unnecessary things? How does observation help a pupil? Comparison? Analysis? Do you remember the examples Supt. Coughlin gave to illustrate the above?

Why should you not labor to make a child see that the earth is round? What do you know about the way the length of a degree of longitude was ascertained.

What country stands first in the production of wheat? What one second? Third? Name three other countries whose production is important. Should the United States export all her wheat to France, would that country be supplied? Where is the great wheat market of the world? Does Italy consume more wheat than she raises? When was Wilmington the center of the milling industry? Why did she lose her position? What city at the present time is noted for its milling industry? What city now called the "Flower City," was formerly known as the Flour City?" What is the price of wheat? What was wheat worth the first of September? What can you say of civilization and culture where flour is most used? What canal opened up the wheat industry of the West? What is the "patent process" of making flour? Who is Chas. A. Pillsbury?

Why is the accumulation of knowledge not the end of education? Why should moral culture not be neglected? Why should a teacher cultivate in her pupil the habit of study? Under what conditions would you use the rod?

Who was Roger Ascham? What book did he write? Name three of his pupils. Who was Thomas Arnold? What do know of Pestalozzi? What is "Leonard and Gertrude?" Can you write a short sketch of Horace Mann?

How much capital must a national bank have to do business in a small town? Does the law require a larger capital for a bank in a city? In what ways do banks earn their money? What kinds of banks have we? What is the duty of the Comptroller? How much is his salary? How many national banks in the United States? Why is money safer in a national bank than in your own pocket? What is the difference between stocks and bonds? What do you mean by "bull" and "bear" What do you mean by "collateral"? What are "bucket shops" and "margins?" Why should pupils be taught to shun them?

Explain how the President is elected. When do the electors vote for President? Where do they usually meet? Should McKinley and Hobart both die after the action of the electoral college, and before the 4th of March, who would be the next president? If at any time the Secretary of State should become president, would he resign his position as secretary.

Why was the twelve mile circle made about New Castle?

What was the origin of Mason and Dixon's Line? Locate the line.

OLD SUSSEX.

D. C. Lekites has been appointed postmaster at Ellendale.

The shipping of evergreen for Christmas decorations has become an important and profitable industry with many farmers in the lower part of the state and peninsula and the woods are full of people gathering holly, crowfoot and cedar for the city markets. It is estimated that 100 carloads will be shipped from Sussex this year.

KENT COUNTY.

Frederica has a new postmaster in T. H. B. Jacobs, and T. W. Brown has been appointed at Vernon.

Mrs. Elizabeth N. Polk died at her home in St. Louis, Missouri, on Saturday Nov. 21, aged about 85 years. She was the widow of United States Senator Truston Polk, of Missouri, and mother of Mrs. W. F. Causey, of Milford, and Mrs. James Draper, of Wilmington. Mrs. Causey was with her mother at the time of her death.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Lord, of Camden, celebrated their sixty-second wedding anniversary Thursday, Nov. 19th. Among their children are William Paine Lord Governor of Oregan; Edward Lord, ranchman and speculator, California; Thomas Lord, proprietor of the Grand Central Hotel, Cheyenne; James Lord, Recorder of Deeds, Kent county, Del; and Mrs. Annie Hynson, wife of editor H. L. Hynson, of Milford.

CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION.

Under the act providing for a Constitutional Convention the delegates met at Dover on Tuesday, Dec. 1st, perfecting a preliminary organization with Delegate Cooch as Chairman and Delegate Martin as Secretary. The Committee on Credentials had presented two sets of certificates from Kent county, both the Republicans and the Democrats claiming the election. At the caucuses Monday evening the Democratic politicians and the Union Republicans had been persistent for the seating each of their full delegations. Violent language was used and threats were made. The four Republicans from New Castle and the five from Sussex suggested a non-partisan convention on the basis of half and half, taksix Union Republicans and four Democrats from Kent to make it. This proposition was considered by the Democrats and they finally agreed to divide equally the Kent delegates. The plan was accepted and the following were decleared the members of the Convention:

New Castle county—Democrats: John Biggs, John P. Donahoe, Robert G. Harman, Charles B. Evans, Andrew L. Johnson, J. Wilkins Cooch. Regular Republicans W. C. Spruance, Edward G. Bradford, Martin B. Burris, Elias N. Moore.

Kenty county—Democrats: Wilson T. Cavender, William Saulsbury, Dr. E. W. Cooper, Dr. Nathan Pratt, Louder L. Sapp. Union Republicans: David S. Clark, William T. Smithers, George H. Murray, Dr. Paris T. Caslisle, John W. Hering.

Sussex county—Democrats: Edward D. Hearn, Woodburn Martin, Robert W. Dasey, A. J. Horsey, Joshua A. Ellegood. Regular Republicans: Charles F. Richards, Dr. W. P. Orr, Joseph B. Gilchrist, W. A. Cannon, Jacob L. Wright.

After the report of the Credentials Committee had been adopted Delegate Clark on behalf of the Union Republicans of Kent made a protest against the compromise, claiming that all or none had been elected and certainly those on the ticket with him who had received more votes than he had. He moved that the Convention adjourn for a week that the vote might be counted in Kent county, saying if this were not done he and his four colleagues would withdraw. Beniah Watson was permitted the floor, he being one of the men turned down. He did not recognize the right of the Convention to judge of the qualification of its members, and declared that his party "had been stabbed in the back in the house of its friends." The motion by Mr. Clark was declared out of order, when the five men withdrew.

Permanent organization was effected by the election of John Biggs as chairman over Edward G. Bradford by a vote of 16 to 9. Charles R. Jones, of Georgetown, was elected secretary over Morgan T. Gum by the same vote. Daniel V. Hutchins, one of the Kent Democrats who was not seated, was elected sergeant-at-arms and Arthur Hutchins page. Rev. W.E. Avery was elected chaplain. Mr. Gum was elected assistant secretary, he and the chaplain being Republicans.

On Wednesday the Convention took up its regular work. President Biggs announced the following committees:

Resolution to submit the constitution to the people: Messrs. Cooch, Cavender and Richards.

Order of business: Messrs, Bradford, Harman, Saulsbury, Hearn and Cannon.

Rules: Messrs. Cooper, Burris, Wright.

Oath of office: Messrs. Pratt, Spruance and Ellegood.

Stenographers: Messrs. Evans, Dasey and Moore.

Place of meeting. Messrs. Donahoe, Johnson and Orr.

Seating members: Messrs. Spruance, Sapp and Martin.

Mr. Bradford, from the Committee on Order of Business, made a partial report. It recommended that standing committees be appointed as follows: On the Legislature, on governor and other executive officers, on the judiciary, on elections, on corporations, on crimes, punishments and impeachments; on agriculture, on alterations and amendments to the constitution and calling constitutional conventions, on accounts. The report was adopted.

The committee on stenographers reported that an estimate had been made of 30 cents per page 100 words, the estimated cost of reporting being $2500. It is supposed the cost of the Convention will be about $5000, the members who do the work getting three dollars a day amounting to $100 or $200, the stenographer each $1000 or $1200. Messrs C. G. Guyer and E. C. Hardesty were employed as stenographers for one week.

The Convention adjourned until Monday at 2 o'clock, none of the Union Republicans having been in attendance since the organization.

ODESSA NOTES.

Mrs. William R. Davis and son, Mailly are visiting in Wilmington.

Mr. H. P. Scott, of Wilmington, paid our town a flying visit on Wednesday.

Mrs. W. H. Hamilton, of Washington, D C., is spending several weeks with friends in town.

Mrs. W. A. Rhodes, Jr., and baby Helen have gone to Philadelphia to spend several days.

J. Chester Gibson, of Wilmington, and George C. Gibson, of Philadelphia, were at home on Sunday.

Mr. Thomas Higgins and son James, of Orange, N. J., were guests of Mr. D. W. Corbit for several days last week.

Chas H. Scott and Miss Elizabeth Scott, of Wilmington, were entertained by Mrs. George L. Townsend on Sunday.

The regular meeting of the Mite Society of the M. E. Church was held at the home of Mrs. H. B. Darby on Wednesday. When the mites had been offered the remainder of the evening was pleasantly spent in social intercourse, music, and feasting.

Mrs. F. B. Watkins entertained a number of friends on Wednesday evening in honor of her sister Miss Ethel Brady, of Middletown. Those present were Mrs. Carrie Appleton, Misses Ethel Brady, Martha Townsend, Bessie Temple, Anna Gibson and Miss Jones, Mrs. J. W. Watknis, Messrs. Alex Corbit, Daniel Corbit, and Dr. Councill.

MY MARYLAND.

The Teachers' Institute of Cecil county met in Elkton on Tuesday and continued its sessions until yesterday.

Mr. Edward S. Culp, who for the past several years lived on the well known "Eldridge Farm," near Cecilton, died on Friday night of last week, having suffered a stroke of paralysis.

The Surprise, Capt. Jonathan Spencer, was the first steamboat to run on Chester river, 1817 was the year. The Chester River Steamboat Company was formed in 1866 by Captain Budd S. Ford

A Western Maryland colored preacher was arrested for stealing a fence-rail on which two turkeys were roosting. He said he took the rail for fire-wood but did not know where the birds came from.

Mrs. Koneo Hager, widow of the late John Hager, of Chesapeake City, died on Sunday after a brief illness of paralysis. Two children survive her—Henry, who resides at Chesapeake City and Mrs. Wesley Cooling, of Philadelphia.

The real estate of Joseph Lynch, the ringleader of the once notorious "sanctified band" of Chincoteague, was sold last week at public auction. Lynch is now a fugitive from justice in North Carolina, having been convicted of conspiracy in the County Court of Accomac three years ago.

States Attorney John D. Urie, of Kent county, has entered suit against the publishers of the Chestertown Transcript for $10,000 damages, claiming that the published reference to the suit of the National Bank of Quannah, Texas, against him, published in a recent issue of the Transcript, was libellous.

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WANAMAKER'S.

PHILADELPHIA, Monday, Nov. 30, 1896.

WORDS ON WOMEN'S SHOES

Shoeman gleans knowledge from all sources—he is a wizard of leathers, in fact; saw that bicycle seats had pliablenes; went to work to get that pliableness for shoe soles. He succeeded, though leathers had to be specially tanned to give the result. Take the heaviest-sole shoe we have—you can bend it anywhere. It's right; it's sensible. Same result has been tried for by many makers. They notch the inner sole to produce the "give"—and make it bad for wear; they use cheap leathers for inner soles. We use the best we can have tanned.

So much for the winter shoe stock in general.

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The Home Library consists of ten cloth-bound volumes, 16mo., in a cloth case. Published to sell at $7.50. Too high. Didn't sell. And now we have it at $1.35. These are the titles of the books—

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Reading for Winter Evenings. By Fernie.
How to Get On in the World. By Major Calhoun.
Parlor Amusements. By Sandison.
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JOHN WANAMAKER.

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Sixty pairs good Heavy 10-4 Gray 4½ lbs, Blankets, slightly soiled, $1.10 pair; worth regular $2.00.

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Twenty pairs Extra Fine Scarlet Blankets. 11-4, $2.50 per pair, regular price $3.75.

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This lot of Blankets were bought at auction sale of Lippincott & Co., Nov. 30th, and are the cheapest lot of Blankets ever sold in Middletown.

J. B. MESSICK.

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FOR 1897
SEVEN GREAT SERIALS

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Ian Maclaren. All the fiction that he will write during the coming year, with the exception of two contributions to another publication which were engaged from him long ago, will appear in McClure's Magazine.

Joel Chandler Harris. A series of new animal stoires in the same field as the "Brer Rabbit" and the "Little Mr. Thimblefinger" stories.

Rudyard Kipling. Besides "Captains Courageous," Kipling will contribute to McClure's all of the short stories he will write during the coming year.

Octave Thanet is preparing for the Magazine a series of short stories in which the same characters will appear, although each will be complete in itself.

Anthony Hope **Bret Harte** **Robert Barr**
Frank R. Stockton **Stanley Weyman** **Clark Russell**

will all have stories in McClure's for the coming year.

These are only a small fraction of the great and important features of McClure's Magazine for 1897, the subeription price of which is only

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The Middletown Transcript

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., DEC. 5, 1896

Local News.

For Poultry. Apples and Sweet Potatoes go to Connellee.

Small 2 lbs. chickens and under wanted by Green Bros., Odessa, Del.

Every body uses Bragdon's Poultry Remedy, it cures; 25 cents.

—It doesn't take much to make you cry when you have run up against two or three disappointments in succession.

Best Canned Goods and Evaported Fruit of all kinds at W. T. Connellee's.

—If we were told we would have a wish granted if we were to make it, what would that one favored longing be?

—You may think your cook hasn't much to do, but you are apt to change your opinion if company comes to a meal on her day out.

Candies and Nuts; Fresh Fruit for Fruit Cakes at W. T. Connellee's.

—The King's Daughters have postponed their entertainment announced for the 10th the date not yet being decided upon.

—Remember that J. F. McWhorter has a full line of carriage and argricultural Implements on hand.

—The ladies of the Presbyterian church, Chesapeake City, will give a supper at Masonic Hall, December 9th and 10th, tickets 25cts., for the benefit of the church.

Its folly, to lose your poultry when the use of Bragdon's Poultry Remedy is guaranteed to you for 25 cents.

—The evenings are now at their longest, the sun setting at 4.35 o'clock. After next week the sun will begin to recede, by the middle of the month setting two minutes later.

—J. C. Parker has just received a lot of genuine $75 Bicycles that can be bought for $40 cash, usual guarantee. Come and see them.

—Mr. G. E. Hukill received the sad intelligence of the death of his nephew, Howard Hukill, oldest son of George Hukill, at Oil City, Pa. on Monday. age 18 years.

PROFESSIONAL CARD.—Dr. W. E. Barnard Surgeon Dentist, office same location, opposite the post office. All operations pertaining to dentistry guarauteed. Odontunder and Gas for painless extracting.

"Where did you get your pretty veil?," "At Mrs. McKee's of course, where there is the nicest assortment of veiling in town. She also has everything new pretty and stylish in winter millinery goods.

– Many rejoice that they ever heard of "Goldey's," that well-known Wilmington (Del.) Commercial and Shorthand College. Its short, practical courses soonfitted these young people for good positions.

—On Thursday, Nov. 26th at the home of the bride's parents in Port Penn, Miss Maude S. Bendler was married to Mr. John W. Spicer. Rev. O. A. Gillingham was the officiating minister.

Mrs. F. H. Lockwood begins this week her mid-winter sale of millinery at greatly reduced prices: Ladies and Misses trimmed hats in felt and velvet, walking hats and caps,—and is offering real bargains in all kinds of millinery goods.

—The Opera House is engaged by a company of hypnotists and mesmerists for Dec. 14, 15 and 16. Manager Ingram fell a victim to the advance agent, one of the company, whom he declares "the most charming woman I ever met."

—Isn't it a sort of knock-down blow to be told by your landlord that the house in which you live and which suits you perfectly has been sold to some one who wishes to occupy it himself.

—Mr. G. M. Davis of the firm of A. C. Chatman, Jr. & Co., Philadelphia and Wilmington, is visiting the Peninsula this week in the interest of his firm, Stock Brokers. An active and energetic young man might find it to his advantage to act as their agent. See advt.

The Ollie Torbett Concert Company of eight persons, claming to be "the grandest musical organization traveling this season," will appear at the Middletown Opera House, Wednesday, December 9th. Their press notices are unusually commendatory and they promise an excellent entertainment.

—Canary birds enjoy a change of food occasionally as well as persons do. Hard boiled egg chopped fine, mixed with cracker crumbs and a speck of cayenne pepper, is very good to feed to these pets once in a while, giving them a small amount at one time. They will reward with their sweetest songs.

—Eggs are now hovering around the twenty-five cent mark, and will be higher before Christmas. Thus, a dozen eggs are worth nearly as much as a bushel of corn. Such being the case our farmers and poultry raisers should go in the egg business more largely, as a bushel of corn ought to produce several dozen of eggs.

—Social opinion is like a sharp knife. There are foolish people who regard it only with terror and dare not touch or meddle with it; there are more foolish people who in rashness or defiance, seize it by the blade and get cut and mangled for their pains, and there are wise people who grasp it discreetly and boldly by the handle and use it to carve out their own purposes.

—The marriage of Miss Hester Coleman to Mr. Crawford Gibbs was celebrated in a pretty church wedding in Dale's M. E. Chapel at Hamtown Thursday evening. Rev. John Lewis was the officiating clergyman, assisted by the pastor, Rev. M. H. Horsey. The bride wore a white silk wedding dress en train. Mrs. Oliver Caulk played the wedding march. After the marriage a reception was given at Mr. Samuel Guess.

—Mrs. Marks, of Wilmington, who was one of the delegates to the S. S. school convention from Hanover Presbyterian church met the King's Daughters at an informal meeting at Mrs. Culbertson's Thursday afternoon, and spent an hour telling the local circle of the various ways in which they can advance the work "In His Name" The Daughters will long remember her visit as a great inspiration.

—The Junior Auxiliary of St. Anne's P. E. Church sent a Thanksgiving box to the St. Michaell's Day Nursery, in Wilmington, the contents being the individual gifts of the children whose contributions were made in pound packages. The "Junior" is a very active agency in this parish, and every Saturday afternoon finds the little folks, boys and girls, assembled to sew for the "heathen at home," the Indians in the far west being among their beneficiaries.

—For all the day was rather dark and dreary, a November rain storm being on hand, there was a very good turnout at the M. E. Church Sunday to hear Miss Ruth Sites the missionary lady from China. She is a good talker, a fluent, pleasant speaker, bright winsome and wholly unaffected, her earnest words appealed to her hearers and her recital of personal experience among the Chinese people could but awaken a deeper interest in the people for whom she plead. Mrs. E. B. Stevens, of Baltimore who accompanied her, prefaced the morning address by a very instructive Bible reading.

—The young people of Warwick are making arrangements to hold a musical and dramatic entertainment in the Hall, at Warwick, Thursday evening, December 10th, commencing at 7.30 o'clock. The program consists of three short dramas, solos, duets and quartetts, closing with several tableaux. Every body is cordially invited; general admission 15 cents; proceeds for the benefit of the church.

—The rain of Saturday night and Sunday was received with joy by the people living near Blackbird forest, the big strip of woodland between Townsend and Clayton. For days a fierce fire raged there, and many acres of valuable timber has been destroyed. Had the rain not come the damage done around would have been much greater than it already is, as the flames were gaining much headway. Several people living on the outskirts of the woods, fearing that their dwellings would be destroyed, dug trenches around them and were organizing to fight the flames. Gunners who have been in that vicinity shooting found game very plentiful as rabbits, squirrels and birds were forced out into the clearing to escape the flames.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CONVENTION.

The ninth annual convention of the New Castle county Sunday School Teachers' Association met in the M. E. Church of this town on Thursday, the delegates arriving on the morning trains north and south. There were about 80 delegates present, representing 39 schools of the Pres. Meth. and Baptist denominations.

At about 9.30 the convention was called to order by President, W. K. Crosby of Wilmington, who has so faithfully and acceptably filled the office since the association was organized.

Rev. I. L. Wood, pastor of the M. E. Church here, made a brief but very cordial address of welcome, to which Mr. Crosby made a fitting response, urging especially that the members of the Convention take part in the discussions, "speak to the point, speak so as to be heard and speak briefly"

The first address on the program was by Mr. S. A. Baynard, of Wilmington, on "The Convention, its aim and object," in which he gave a very clear view as to the work to be accomplished, referring the teachers to the Great Teacher Jesus and the great text book, the Bible, for their greatest help and inspiration. An interesting discussion followed in which Revs. Davidson, Murray Stow, Wood and Prof. Goldey participated the principal points brought out being to awaken enthusiasm; to get information; to feed the lambs, using common sense; to receive encouragement from learning how the work is going on.

"What Benefit the Church receives from the Sunday School" was the next subject, Mr. Wm, T. Morris, of Wilmington, making the opening address, He said that many a slow church receives new life from the youthful vigor and enthusiasm of the Sunday School, and the most successful churches are these that have the largest number of Sunday School workers. He also drew a very nice anology between the nursery and the Sunday school as the plants that have the care and shelter of the nursery are superior to those that grow "natural" and ungrafted, so the young people reared in the Sunday School make better citizens and are more useful in the church than those who do not receive such training. In the discussion that followed the scarity of young men and large boys in the Sunday Schools was noted, and President Crosby thinks the bicycle is chargable with thinning out the churches on Sunday and said that anything that damages the church damages the morals of the community.

Rev. F. G. Merrill, pastor of Baptist Church Wilmington made an excellent address on "The proper use of Lesson Helps." He deplored the general use of lesson leaves to the exclusion of the Bible, and suggested several plans by which the Bible study may be more effectual in the Sunday School. The greatest of lesson helps is a baptism of love and the word of God hid in the heart, the teachers thus equipped will not fail to interest and instruct his or her class.

Prof. John R. Sweney, the sweet singer in Israel, is always a great power in the S. S. Convention. He was present on Thursday, as musical director, and the music was a feature of the day, the song service at the opening of the afternoon session being especially attractive, Miss Vina Lynch singing with Prof. Sweney, gave variety and additional sweetness to the service, the first address of the afternoon was by Prof. H. S. Goldey, on "The Home Class Department," in which he told how those who by one reason and another are debarred from attending Sunday School, are entrusted in the study of the lessons at home, devoting a half hour a week to the study, the influence from the home class having been found as a great quickener to the Sunday School.

Mr. Thos. McCorkle, of Wilmington, made a practical address on "Home to Home Visitations," which was followed by a very general discussion, Mr. Fooks, Mrs. Matlack, Mr. Murray and others participating.

Mrs. Challenger, of New Castle, and one of the most active, workers in every cause for the good of humanity, made a very telling address on "What can be done in the Sunday School to promote the cause of Temperance," which called forth a spirited and earnest debate, Mrs. Marks, Mrs. Massey, Mrs. Matlack, Revs. Murray, Moore and Stowe, Messrs. Messinger, Fooks Baynard and others participating.

On account of some misunderstanding with the R. R. Co. there was no special train provided for the delegates to return home after the evening session, which necessitated many leaving on the 6.06 train.

The address of the evening was by Rev. Dr. T. A. McCurdy, on "The Duty of the Church to the Children of Today." It was a very masterful address, and all who heard it were pleased. Reports of committees, and resolutions were heard and the following officers elected, President, W. K. Crosby; Secretary, Mr. Gray; Treasurer, Mr. Hayes.

The delegates were very nicely entertained at luncheon and supper in the lecture room of the church, the Presbyterian and Methodist Teachers cooperating both in furnishing and serving the meals, and not the least enjoyable to the days' pleasure was the hour at the board.

Pennsylvania Railroad to Issue Clerical Orders.

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company announces that for 1897 it will issue clerical orders to regularly ordained clergymen in charge of churches located on or near its lines east of Pittsburg and Erie. To secure these orders clergymen should make application to the nearest ticket agent as soon as possible, as it is desired that all applications reach the General Office by December 15.

Unclaimed Letters.

List of unclaimed letters remaining in the Middletown post office which can be had by saying they are advertised: Miss Bessey Hurt, Thomas H. Smith, Robert Smith.

PERSONALITIES

Little Lines About Men and Women and What They Are Doing.

(If you have been away on a visit, or have visitors at your home send us the news, send it early. What may seem of no interest to you, may be pleasing to some one else. We are always pleased to publish any items of personal or local mention and cordially invite our patrons to furnish us the facts.)

—Mr. Frank L. Cattes spent Sunday in Philadelphia.

—Mr. Thomas H. Swan, of Delaware City, was in town on Wednesday.

—Mrs. H. A. Houston returned on Monday from a visit to her grandchildren in Baltimore.

—Mrs. R. H. Matlack, of Wilmington, was the guest of Mrs. W. H. Moore several days this week.

—Mrs. Perkins and son Alvin, of Philadelphia, who were guests of Rev. and Mrs. W. J. Wilkie at the rectory, returned home on Tuesday.

—Dr. C. P. Gilpin, of Chestertown, Md., was the guest yesterday of his brother, Dr. T. H. Gilpin.

—Rev. Dr. McCurdie, of Wilmington spent Thursday night at the manse, the guest of Rev. F. H. Moore.

—Misses Stella Suydam and Belle Walmsley were over Sunday guests of Mrs. H. C. Johnson at Clayton.

—E. D. Hearne, Esq., of Georgetown and a member of the Constitutional Convention was in town on Wednesday.

—Mrs. John S. Crouch, who has been visiting Wilmington friends for the past fortnight, is expected home to-day.

—Misses Dorothy Frempt and Lottie Vanhekle were in town as delegates at the Sunday School Convention on Thursday.

—Mrs. E. B. Stevens, of Baltimore and Miss Ruth Sites, a returned Missionary from China, were the guests of Rev. and Mrs. I. L. Wood, at the parsonage over Sunday.

—Mr. Thomas H. H. Messinger, of Wilmington, Treasurer of the New Castle County Sunday-school Teachers' Convention, paid our sanctum a pleasant visit early Thursday morning.

—Dr. S. M. Poole, of Pittsburg, Pa., is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Z. A. Poole at McDonough. The doctor is suffering from a severe cold and has been kept close to the house since Monday.

ROLL OF HONOR.

In the different rooms, ond hundred pupils did not miss a day during the month of November, while sixty-six pupils were present every day of the present session up till Dec. 1st.

ROOM 1.—Lee Corrie, Dora Culbertson, Carrie Clothier, Walter Green, Charles Talbot, Fannie Burstan, Elizabeth Hopkins, Lucien Green, Blanch Armstrong, Florence Gill.

ROOM 2.—Bertha Geary, Ethel Ginn, Bessie Craddock, Robert Hall, Edith Wilson, Eva Whitlock, Grover Talbot, Irma Pitt, Mary Holten, Katie Truax, Bessie Crouch, Rossiter McCrone, John Crouch.

ROOM 3.—Blanche Messick, Sylvia Moore, Helen Cochran, Louise McDowell, Ella Burchard, Mary Nowland, Susie Foard, Blanche Roberts, Stella Suydam, Gertrude McCrone, Jeanette Schrietz, Edith Allee, Florie Owens, Elsie Jones, Lillian Cleaver, Annie Bordley, Justine Peverley, Randolph Gary, Joseph Comegys, Elwood Reed, Oscar Whitlock, Edgar Rowe, Harold Dawson, Davis Gary.

ROOM 4.—Eliza. Green, Belle Dager, Lizzie Holten, Maude Deakyne, Emma Kelley, Lillie Solway, Maurice Bratton, Edna Banning, May Kumpel, Louise McCrone, Edith Mabrey, Herman Wilson, Rachel Donahoe, Minnie Adams, Victor Jones, Lloyd Bragdon, George Allee, Clara Willits and Jesse Willits.

ROOM 5.—Addie Whitlock, Nettie Whitlock, Agnes Clothier, Anna Talbot, Emily Allee, Martha Corrie, Benjamin Biggs, Joseph C. Parker, Lloyd Bratton, Burtus Goff, Gladys Bragdon, Blanche Deakyne, Lillie Downey, Alice Dawson, Alice Jarrell, Laura McCleary, Helen Rowe, Sarah Sayin, Ephraim Jolls, Paul Painter, Roydon Wilson.

BROWN COTTAGE.

The following pupils have attained an average of 90 per cent or above, for the month of November. Alberta Cochran, Louise Cochran, Minnie Smith, Grover Bendler, Clarence Donovan, Joe Bailey, Albert Donovan.

POLITICAL PARAGRAPHS.

Hon. J. S. Willis has served notice upon Hon. L. Irving Handy of his intention to contest his election to Congress. Mr. Woodward W. Cheairs, of Delaware City has also served notice upon Mr. Dickey of his contest to a seat in the General Assembly.

John B. Cooper, who received a vote in Kent County of 3599 (the highest vote cast for any of the twenty delegates) is one of the five Republicans left at home by the caucus, and Wilson T. Cavender, Democrat, who received 3140 votes, is chosen to represent Duck Creek Hundred in the Constitutional Convention.—"Smyrna Times."

"The people know these things, and there is serious danger of a violent outbreak over it in which both life and property may be destroyed. We are writing these things because citizens of Kent county—residents of all parts of the county—have expressed to us, in the quiet of ordinary social and business intercourse, their readiness to settle this contention by an appeal to arms.—"State Sentinel."

The indictment against John M. Clayton for alleged offers to bribe George D. Crossland who had planned to act as Democratic voters assistant on election day was squashed by the court on Tuesday because the charge was not specific. It was held that the statute did not cover the case hence there was no violation of law and the Attorney General was not at fault in drawing the indictment.

Because of defective indictments the election inspectors who changed the returns at the recent election in their efforts to make Toman sheriff and to send Dickey to the General Assembly, are to go free, at least for the present term of Court. It is a miscarriage of justice and an invitation to a repetition of similar acts. The members of the court, the attorneys representing the State, and the men charged with crime are members of the same political party.

December Weddings.

Miss Elizabeth Townsend Willis, daughter of Delaware's Representative in Congress, and one of the State's brightest and most attractive daughters, was united in marriage at noon on Wednesday in the Avenue M. E. Church in Milford to Mr. Wm. H. McCallum, of Philadelphia, one of the Quaker City's leading business men. The father of the bride assisted by the Rev. T. E. Martindale officiated. Admission to the church, which was crowded, was by card. There were the usual attendants and the affair was very brilliant. Report estimates the value of the gifts to the bride at $10.000.

Wilmington had "an American wedding" on Wednesday evening, the contracting parties being Miss Edith Bently Lea, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Lea, and Lieutenant Arthur Wallace Chase, of the Second Artillery, U. S. A. The Stars and Stripes formed the principal feature of the decorations.

OH! HO! FOR CHRISTMAS!

A Tour Among The Stores With The Holiday Shoppers.

We need not consult the almanac to learn that Christmas is near at hand. The very air, the crisp, bracing December air, tells of the approaching holiday season, and the merchants and shoppers tell the rest. The shop windows and counters are bright with pretty things and the Christmas boom is on. Everybody is a Christmas shopper,—the close-fisted skinflint becomes generous, the generous become lavish, and prudence and economy so necessary with many of us during eleven months of the year, have no show at all, because 'tis Christmas time, the gift-making, gift-buying time, and the TRANSCRIPT is prepared to help both buyers and sellers in this Christmas trade, what to buy, where to buy and how much to pay being some of the important queries confronting the vast army of shoppers, queries that will all be answered in these columns. Now there are some people who only make useful presents, and some who never make any that are useful. Others care nothing about usefulness or non-usefulness, but want things that are high priced, while a few, a mere remnant are considering the question of cheapness, and are wondering if there is any place where a half dozen presents can be bought with one dollar. Now read every issue of the TRANSCRIPT between Christmas and to-day and you'll find an answer to all your queries. We'll begin at once, by telling of the large and handsome Christmas stock just in at

MESSICK'S.

Here's where everybody comes with his wife and family looking for Christmas, and they find it too, for no matter what is wanted, a dress, a coat, a cape, a suit, dishes, lamps, rugs, towels, shoes, slippers, and anything in the long list of useful household of toilet articles, just mention it, and those pleasant, affable and always so polite and obliging sales ladies and gentlemen at Messick's will be sure to find just the thing you want. There is a long counter down the centre of the aisle full of notions, fancy articles, and pretty trifles at small cost, and others at higher prices, and at the rear you'd think old Santa Claus himself reigned, seeing the quantity of toys, dolls and confection. It is Christmas already at Messick's, and it is not wise to delay your shopping.

MRS. MASSEY.

Pretty things are often as useful as they are ornamental, that is the kind Mrs. Massey has. She has been in the city this week making a careful selection of new goods to please the Christmas shopper. Jewelery, silver ware, cut glass and ornaments, clocks and watches, and a great variety of stick pins, rings, brooches, etc. are among her display. Her window is one of the handsomest things Middletown boasts of.

VAUGHAN'S.

For fine toilet accessories, perfumery, extracts, sachets, soaps, cosmetics, and all the too numerous to mention fancies for milady and her lord, go to Vaughan's the old pharmacy of Middletown.

BROCKSON'S.

It it is something substantial you want, here's your place. Mr. Brockson is one of the substantial sort that accounts for his goods being that way too, the-all-wool-and-a-yard-wide kind, you know. He has a nice lot of Christmas goods too, and you can fit out the family in presents, high or low priced, for big or little,

BERKEMAN.

Now there's our good friend, Joe Berkeman, he doesn't say much about what he's doing but his customers say a good deal. They say his goods are right and so are his prices and if you've country produce to sell, he's the man you want to see before Christmas, sure.

KATES.

Can anybody imagine such a thing as Christmas in Middletown without something from Col. Billy Kates? No matter whether it's ice cream or oysters, candy, nuts, fruit or raisins, or all of them. He's been supplying the Middletown children and their elders with Christmas sweets a much longer time than the most of us can remember, and the best of it is, he's just as good at it now as he ever was. Here's to him!

PRETTYMAN'S.

"Old Kris" would just as leave carry hats and shoes on his back as anything else and rather, if they are what the good little girls and boys" want. Prettyman's shoes are the kind to send by the little fat fellow who drives the "eight tiny rein-deer," because Prettyman's shoes are good. So are his slippers, top boots and over shoes.

CONNELLEE'S.

The Christmas fruit cake, oh yes, and the plum pudding too, are to be provided for! Go to Connellee's and he'll fix you right up in all of that hundred and one things you want. It's a real pleasure to deal with Mr. Connellee, he's so courteous and obliging, and as one lady says "has such southern manners."

If you have the idea that the big stores do all the business and are the only places to do your Christmas buying, then you are much mistaken, for instance,

SATTERFIELD'S.

You can get almost anything in the grocery line you want there, and the same is true of his opposite neighbor

ORRELL.

Who besides green and dry groceries, has all kinds of meats and poultry, and is getting a fine stock of Christmas goods, toys candies, etc., so that not only your market basket can be well filled but the Christmas tree and stockings as well. Further up the street you'll find

BLOME.

Another little store. Mr. Blome will make or mend your shoes while his wife or daughter will supply the needs of the inner man, from their well-selected stock.

Next to advertising in the TRANSCRIPT the small boy is the best medium out. If you don't believe it just hear one of them rave over those sweaters at

BURSTAN'S.

and you'll be convinced. Among the boys' requests for Christmas are already numerous demands, for Burstan's sweaters, but that's not all Burstan has, not by a good deal. He can fit you out in a whole suit, from tip to toe, for it's a men's furnishing store he keeps. Next door to him on one side is

APPLETON'S,

The Sewing Machine man while on the other side is

MRS. MATTHEWS'S,

Grocery, candy and provision store. Everything you want right there together.

MRS. DAGER

has the East End store on the next corner, a good place too to trade. She has dry goods as well as groceries and is making ready for Christmas.

"Drive thy business, let not that drive thee" was one of "Poor Richard's wise saying and if any man in town observes it it is our obliging baker

PAUL WEBBER,

at whose store may be found not only the good fresh bread which is the staff of life but also the little luxuries that appeal to the palate.

Poor Richard said "fools make feasts, and wise men eat them." That is what

That Spot...

First size of a dime; next size of a dollar; then big as the palm of your hand. The end: entire baldness. Stop it.

Ayer's Hair Vigor Makes Hair Grow

GEORGE G. ROWE

has been thinking all the time as he read about the appetizing array set out by others, which is but for a day, an hour, while in the beautiful pictures which adorn his walls, appealing to the aesthetic tastes, are Christmas presents that would adorn any home and remain "a joy forever." (Other shopping visits will be made by the reporter next week.)

TOWNSEND TOPICS.

James A. and Harry Hart spent Tuesday in Philadelphia.

Miss Addie Reynolds spent Wednesday in Philadelphia.

Mrs. L. Riggs, of Wilmington, is visiting Mrs. Etta Townsend.

The Jr. O. U. A. M. attended church in a body last Sunday morning.

Mort Skaggs and wife, of Philadelphia, have been visiting his parents here.

Mrs. Clara M. Lattomus has been spending a week with friends in Philadelphia.

Mrs. James Wilson, of Torresdale, Pa., spent several days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William P. Reynolds, this week.

Rev. and Mrs. Chandler, B. G. Lockerman and D. B. Maloney attended the Sunday school convention held in Middletown on Thursday.

Dr. Hopkins and Mrs. Hoffecker, of Wilmington, will occupy the pulpit in the M. E. Church on Sunday. They will speak in interest of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society.

DELAWARE CITY.

Mr. and Mrs. T. Bayard Heisel will return next week.

Miss Bessie Mills returned to Wilmington on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Alex Jarrell returned from Middletown on Wednesday.

Mrs. Thomas Vankirk has returned from a brief sojourn in Philadelphia.

Mrs. J. A. Vreeland, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with her mother.

The usual Christmas sale of fancy work, &c. will be held at Miss Hunter's.

Mrs. L. H. Moore and daughter, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with her mother.

Mr. Frempt and daughters, Misses Laura and Dora, returned on Saturday from Philadelphia.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Anderson have returned from a visit of two or three weeks to friends in Philadelphia.

Mrs. Moody has a full and complete line of Christmas goods. She makes a specialty of Christmas tree ornements.

Mrs. Peoples has gone away to remain until after Christmas. She will visit Wilmington, Riverton and Philadelphia.

The Mite Society of the Presbyterian. Church met on Wednesday and Thursday evenings at the home of Mrs. Peoples.

Monday being St. Andrew's day services were held in the Episcopal church. The Friday evening services have been resumed

Mrs. Rowan has returned from a visit to Philadelphia. While there she attended the funeral of Mrs. Susan Perry who for some years was a resident of Delaware City. Mrs. Perry was quite aged; having arrived at the age of 87.

The Delaware City Public School has just ended its third month. There are 187 pupils in attendance, 66 of these have been present every day during the month, 27 every day during the term. Those receiving an average of 90 per centum or over are Wm. Wingate, Laura Householder, Eva Collins, May Everngam, John Cain, John McCue, Mary Woods, Elvena Jones, Wm. Neeff, and Margaret Everngam of the Grammar Department.

Blanch Clayton, Mira Nickle, Alice Reybold, Edna Vanhekle, Caroline Clark, Lizzie Aker, Morton Price, Sam Bright and Carl Adler of the Intermediate Department.

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TAYLOR'S BRIDGE.

There are a large number of persons gathering cattails in the Cedar Swamp for market.

Mrs. Annie M. Staats and daughter Carrie are spending a few days in Wilmington and Newport.

Miss Nellie Wallace, of Chester, Pa. spent Thanksgiving with her uncle, Mr. Thomas Jones.

Capt. George W. Bowen, of Camden, N. J., freighted 3,000 railroad ties out of Blackbird creek last week for Philadelphia.

The muskrat season opened on Tuesday and most all of the trappers are hard at work. The prospect is good for a large catch.

The young people of the neighborhood held a social party on Wednesday evening at the residence of Mr. Wilmer C. Staats. The evening was spent in games and other amusements.

The poultry supper held on Thanksgiving evening at the residence of William H. Staats was a very pleasant and profitable affair. Nature did her very best in providing a perfect evening and over one hundred guests gathered to partake of the supper that had been prepared by the members of the Epworth League. All present agreed in having a very pleasant time. The net proceeds were $34.00.

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By virtue of the authority contained in the last will and testament of ANN E. BEWLEY, late of the town of Smyrna, Kent County, and State of Delaware, deceased, the undersigned, Executor of said last will and testament of said ANN E. BEWLEY, deceased, will expose to public sale or vendue,

IN FRONT OF THE DELAWARE HOUSE, IN THE TOWN SMYRNA, Duck Creek Hundred, Kent County and State of Delaware,

On SATURDAY, Dec. 12th, 1896,

AT 2 O'CLOCK, P. M.,

The following described Real Estate, viz.,

No. 1. All that certain farm or tract of land situated on the south side of the public road leading from Blackbird to Taylor's Bridge, and on the west side of the public road leading from Taylor's Bridge to Fleming's landing, in Blackbird Hundred, New Castle County and State of Delaware, adjoining lands of Wesley Jarrell and lands of Thomas Deakyne, and containing.

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of land, be the same more or less. It being all the lands of which the said Ann E. Bewley died seized that are situated on the south side of said public road leading from Blackbird to Taylor's Bridge, and on the west side of said public road leading from Taylor's Bridge to Fleming's Landing. The improvements on said land being a good and comfortable two-story Frame Dwelling House with kitchen attached, smoke house, milk house, corn crib and granary combined, stable and other outbuildings in good condition; there is also on said land an apple orchard of good varieties, and sixty-five acres of growing wheat, of which about one-half is also sown in timothy

No. 2. All that certain farm or tract of land situated on the east side of the public road leading from Taylor's Bridge to Fleming's landing, in Blackbird Hundred, New Castle County and State of Delaware, adjoining lands of Isaac R. Staats, lands lately of Jacob Deakyne and lands of James Anderson, and containing

163 Acres of Land,

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TERMS OF SALE.—Twenty per cent of the purchase money must be paid to the undersigned Executor on the day sale, and the residue thereof on or before the 8th day of April, A. D. 1897. The percentage to be paid on the day of sale will be treated as a part of the purchase money if the other terms of sale are complied with, otherwise it will be forfeited for noncompliance.

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Given under the hand and seal of office of the Register aforesaid, at Wilmington, in New Castle County aforesaid, the day and and year above written.

CALVIN W. CROSSAN, Register.

NOTICE,

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LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS.

Volunteer Hose Company, meets first Friday night of each month in Hose House.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., DEC. 5, 1896

Of Interest To Farmers

FARM MORTGAGES.

Not the least interesting portion of Secretary Morton's report is that relating to farm mortgages. So much was said by the Democrats during the campaign about farmers struggling under mortgages that a few well-meaning people accepted the assertion as a fact, and proceeded to construct theories proving that a mortgage might not be such a bad thing, after all, as, indeed, it is not, if the mortgageor is solvent and industrious. Still, it is not easy to convince the average man of sense that a thumping big mortgage on nearly every farm is a good thing for the farmers, or for the country. So the apologists for mortgages as blessings somewhat disguised, possibly, found it hard to counteract the lurid word pictures that Mr. Bryan drew of honest farmers as the victims of money-lending "bloodsuckers." To be sure, in almost the same breath he described these same "bloodsuckers" as "idle holders of idle money." But a little discrepancy like that doesn't hurt the argument of a demagogue. It rather helps him, if anything, for it proves his versatility.

But now it turns out that there was no need of explaining away the evil of farm mortgages, for Secretary Morton's report brings out the fact that the farms of the country are not plastered with mortgages. In point of fact, 72 per cent of the farms in the United States occupied by their owners are absolutely free from mortgages or other incumbrances. And doubtless of the 28 per cent of farmers whose farms are mortgaged a large proportion are entirely solvent, and are getting much more benefit out of the money they have borrowed than the rent they pay for it in the shape of interest. It is very much like the old story of the man who asked some philosophers why the weight of a jar of water was not increased by putting a live fish in it. The philosophers did sums for a long time to explain the puzzle, until it occurred to one of them to try the experiment, when, of course, it was found that the fish increased the weight of the jar. Secretary Morton's statistics really tell nothing new. The facts as to farm mortgages have been accessible for many years past. But the windy assertions of the Democratic orators made many people forget to look up the facts, and so there was a great hue and cry about the American farmer sinking under iniquitous mortgages, until at last even some farmers whose farms were free of any mortgage began to shout with the rest, and a factitious gloom appeared to settle over the whole country.

Well, the clouds seem to have rolled away. Seventy-two per cent. of the farms of the United States are free from mortgages. And of the farms that are mortgaged, quite as large a proportion relative to the population and to be found in the Eastern States. As a matter of fact, farmers are not worse off than other classes of people; in many respects they are much better off, and receive a much larger return on the amount of money they have invested. Nor do farmers, as a class, ask to be treated differently from other people. As Secretary Morton well says: "The intelligent, practical and successful farmer needs no aid from the Government. The "ignorant, unpractical and indolent farmer deserves none." And in referring to the stress of competition, which undoubtedly does bear hard to-day on the American farmer, he reminds farmers that one cause of the shrinkage of farm values has been the generosity of the Government in offering free virgin land to settlers, the result being to depreciate the old lands. Yet, if the Government had not adopted that policy, farmers in this country would have had a much harder time.—N. Y. Tribune.

KEEPING FOWLS IN CONFINEMENT.

The idea that poultry cannot be kept in good health and in good laying condition unless they are allowed free range of the premises of their owner as well as the gardners of the neighbors is erroneous. If a house is well built and well taken care of, as well as the fair sized yard connected with it and the fowls are fed properly there will be no chance for disease, and a good profit from the egg product will be assured. Two small rooms 10x12 or 10x14 for 10 or 12 fowls is much better than one large room for a flock of double that number and too it is much better that each small flock have its one cock than that there be two or three with a large flock as one cock is sure to rule and there should never be more than 10 or 12 hens with a good cock to ensure a satisfactory hatching of eggs.

A thorough cleaning of the roost boards and a stirring of the soil of the ground floor of each room daily as well as a forking over of a part of the ground of each yard in summer time, and a change of water in clean dishes, should not be neglected. It is an easy matter to overfeed when fowls are confined to small quarters, but it is very easy to watch as one will if he has an interest in his work so that just the right quantity will be given so that all will be cleaned up at each feeding, and the fowls left with their appetites just sharp enough so that they will not mope but will keep themselves busy scratching for the few grains of wheat that may have been scattered when the soil was loosened with the fork or spade earlier in the morning, for the cleaning should be done the first of all.

Some kind of ground meat should be mixed in the dough in the morning: a constant supply of oyster shell and a little green food each day are necessary for thrift and profit. Cabbage, rutabagas and apples are all good. A still better winter supply can be secured by cutting a sufficient quantity of young clover while it is in the leaf, but with not much stem or blossom, and curing it sufficiently so that it can be pressed in barrels and kept without molding. A large quantity can thus be kept in small space, and if a little is cut fine and put in the hot water that is used for mixing the dough each morning, and mixed up thoroughly with the dough, it will be found to be a nice thing. Lawn clippings can be saved and used in the same way. Although this may appear like a good deal to be looked after, it is not more than there is in any other undertaking where there is any hope or expectation of success; but all can in a short time be reduced to such a system that the labor will be comparatively light. When considering the profits to be gained from the keeping of poultry the loss that may result from allowing them to run at large should of course be considered.

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Our Woman's Column

THE trials and tribulations of an impecunious girl of society are not generally appreciated. How to dress on next to nothing a year and yet present an attractive appearance, is no easy task, and yet there are those who are obliged to solve this problem or retire from a world.

"No one realizes my makeshifts," said one of these Spartan-like society martyrs, "and no one cares. As long as I keep up with the rest, it does not in the least matter, but if I should say that I must give up going to this or that function because I had no clothes I should be dropped that is all, not because of my clothes, but because of my absence. But if a girl accepts the situation, and cleans up her two pairs of kid gloves alternately, patches up her gowns and goes and has a good time in spite of everything, people are very kind, and it really does not make a bit of difference.

"The great thing is, as I say, to go all the same, without one false shame about what cannot be helped. Another thing I find," she continued, philosophically, "is that if I wait long enough for anything I no longer need it. Last summer, for instance, I wanted a couple of new organdies and another hat quite awfully, but I could not squeeze out the money from father, so each week I found I could manage somehow and so it went on, until a cold August storm made me realize that summer was on the wane and that I really did not want the dresses. This winter I am trying the same thing with a much needed new jacket. I am in hopes, if I wear my old one long enough, that my longing for a new one will have exhausted itself. Sometimes my enforced makeshifts are very funny, or at least they would be funny if they were not so very tragic.

One time when I wanted to go to a ball I found my only pair of white slippers were not only quite black, but they were so rubbed at the toes that it was impossible to clean them any longer, so I did what I had done before in an emergency. I covered them with white satin, stitching down the edges very neatly and covering up deficiencies with a bow. At a distance they passed muster fairly well, but I certainly did not desire to have them examined and resolved to try to remember to keep my feet well under the hem of my gown. To my dismay the first figure the cotillon was one where a sheet is held up at one end of the room, and the women who are up in the figure must stand behind it with their feet peeping out below the sheet for the men to guess from. Well, you can fancy I was in agony, but there was no help for it, and my home-covered slippers were exposed with the rest. There was a moment's discussion and laughter among the men, and then the sheet was dropped. and I saw Jack B. standing before me looking very quizzical.

I suffered agonies at the time, but I do not care now, for we are engaged to be married, and he says I shall have all the new slippers I want. He said he guessed the feet were mine because he knew (that is what he said) how clever I was, and how I managed, and all that. He admired my cheerfulness, and thought (please remember that I am quoting him) how few girls would be brave enough not to let the want of money prevent their enjoying what came their way, and many would have been mad unhappy by having so much less than those about them. So he really began to like me from that very night.

SOME NOTABLE WOMEN.

Mrs. Maitland, a member of the London School Board, says, in answer to some assertions made by the "The Nineteenth Century," that the women in that body do not transform their male associates ii to humble followers, incapable of argument, or opposition. On the contrary, it has been her experience she says that the men never hesitate to oppose the suggestions of the women when they see fi.

Three English Duchesses, those of Cleveland, Sutherland, and Bedford are well known as contibutors to various magazines. Lady Grevi lle derives a steady income from the papers for which she writes. Lady Colin Campbell and Lady Constance Howard, a sister of the Earl of Winchelsea, are very industrious with their pens, and the Countess of Cork always has some journalistic work on hand.

Mildred Howels, daughter of William Dean Howels, the novelist, has a studio in her father's house in New York and has done some clever illustrating for books and magazines.

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Philadelphia	7 28	10 20	12 02	3 26	6 08	11 0
Baltimore	5 25	8 50	12 05	3 00	5 27	7 53
Wilmington	8 13	11 04	2 50	4 27	6 53	8
Farnhurst	8 22		f 2 58			
New Castle	8 27		3 03		7 06	
State Road	8 34		f 3 06		f 7 11	
Bear	f 8 38		f 3 13		7 16	
Porter	8 45			4 51	7 23	
Kirkwood	8 50		f 3 23		7 28	
Mt. Pleasant	8 59		f 3 31		7 36	
Armstrong	9 03				7 40	
Middletown	9 08	11 50	3 40	5 16	7 45	12 39
Townsend	9 17		f 3 48	5 25	7 54	
Blackbird	f 9 22		f 3 53		f 7 59	
Gr'n Spring	f 9 27		f 3 58		f 8 05	
Clayton	9 33	12 07	4 05	5 37	8 10	12 57
Smyrna LV	9 33	11 57	3 52	5 27	8 00	
Brenford	f 9 38		f 4 10		f 8 15	
Chesewold	f 9 43		f 4 15		f 8 21	
Dupont			f 4 18			
Dover	9 58	12 23	4 26	5 56	8 31	1 16
Wyoming	10 05	12 29	4 31	6 02	8 37	a 1 24
Woodside	10 11		f 4 37			
Viola	f 10 15		f 4 41			
Felton	10 20	12 40	4 46	6 14		a 1 38
Harrington	10 32	12 58	5 02	6 24		1 50
Farmington	f 10 40	a 1 00		f 6 32		
Greenwood	f 10 48	a 1 07		f 6 40		
Bridgeville	10 56	f 1 15		6 49		a 2 1a
Cannons	f 11 01			f 6 54		
Seaford	11 11	1 26		7 02		2 28
Laurel	11 22	f 1 36		7 13		f 2 30
Delmar	11 32	1 46		7 24		2 56

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NORTHWARD.

	EXP. A.M.	MAIL A.M.	EXP. A.M.	MAIL P.M.	MAIL P.M.	PAS P.M.
Delmar	11 08			f 8 00	f 2 26	3 45
Laurel	f 1 21			8 10	2 36	3 56
Seaford	1 34			8 24	f 2 46	4 10
Cannons				f 8 31		f 4 18
Bridgeville	p 1 48			8 37	f 2 57	4 25
Greenwood				f 8 45		f 4 33
Farmington				f 8 53		f 4 41
Harrington	2 22		6 05	9 06	3 18	4 52
Felton	2 32		6 14	9 16	f 3 28	5 01
Viola			f 6 18	f 9 20		f 5 05
Woodside			f 6 22	f 9 24		f 5 09
Wyoming	2 44	f 7 00	6 29	9 31	f 3 39	5 16
Dover	2 50	7 06	6 35	9 38	3 45	5 22
Dupont		f 7 10				
Chesewold		f 7 16		f 9 48		f 5 32
Brenford		f 7 21		f 9 53		f 5 36
Smyrna LV		7 16	6 42	9 49	3 52	5 27
Clayton	3 06	7 26	6 52	9 59	4 02	5 41
Gr'n Spring		f 7 30				f 5 46
Blackbird		f 7 36		f 10 08		f 5 52
Townsend		7 41	9 08	10 13	4 15	5 57
Middletown	3 29	7 51	9 15	10 23	4 24	6 06
Armstrong		f 7 55				f 6 10
Mt. Pleasant		7 59		f 10 32		6 14
Kirkwood		8 08		10 40		6 23
Porter		8 15	9 34	10 46	4 41	6 30
Bear		f 8 20		f 10 51		6 35
State Road		f 8 25		f 10 56		6 39
New Castle		8 31	9 45	11 02		6 44
Farnhurst		f 8 36	f 9 50	f 11 07		
Wilmington	4 15	8 45	9 58	11 17	5 06	6 56
Baltimore	6 31	10 40	11 15	12 40	6 56	8 43
Philadelphia	6 10	9 59	10 46	12 06	6 32	7 51

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